

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

A TRIBUTE TO HAMILTON PASCAL

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 16, 2003

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise in honor of Hamilton Pascal for his accomplishments in the business world for which he has earned the Thomas R. Fortune Business Award.

Hamilton was born and raised in Trinidad where he attended public elementary school and later, Burke High School. After graduating from Burke High School, he went on to obtain his license in Electrical Installation from Victoria Institute.

In 1976, Hamilton came to the United States and settled in Brooklyn, New York. He decided that he wanted to further his education in building maintenance and repairs, obtaining his license as a real estate salesperson.

Wanting to become more involved in civic affairs and learn more about politics in the United States, Hamilton became a member of Unity Democratic Club in the early 1990's. By joining Unity Democratic Club, he became involved with the Men's Council and took an active role in several of the activities held by UDC.

For the future, Hamilton is planning to own a home improvement store along with his son Eric Pascal, who currently resides with him.

Mr. Speaker, Hamilton Pascal has shown to improve his business skills and has shown a genuine interest in becoming actively involved in his community. As such, he is more than worthy of receiving our recognition. I hope that all of my colleagues will join me in honoring this truly remarkable individual.

FREEDOM FOR BERNARDO AREVALO PADRON

HON. LINCOLN DIAZ-BALART

OF FLORIDA

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Mr. LINCOLN DIAZ-BALART of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to speak of a Cuban speaker of conscience. I rise today in honor of Bernardo Arevalo Padron.

Mr. Arevalo Padron founded the Cuban independent news agency Linea Sur Press in October 1996 to condemn the atrocious human rights violations committed by Castro's tyrannical regime. Mr. Arevalo Padron's insistence on reporting about the deteriorating plight of the Cuban people under Castro's machinery of repression led directly to his arrest.

Bernardo Arevalo Padron was jailed for six years in November 1997 for "insulting" Fidel Castro and calling him a "liar" for not keeping his promises about democracy and so many other matters. Mr. Arevalo Padron was sentenced to six years behind bars because he dared to print the truth about a government that ruthlessly represses any kind of dissent.

After five years of sadistic cruelty in Castro's gulag, Mr. Arevalo Padron has been diagnosed with leptospirosis, which is spread by rats. According to a report issued by Reporters Without Borders, Mr. Arevalo Padron should have been freed on parole in October 2000, but the government refuses to release him because he has not cooperated in the so called re-education program.

Mr. Speaker, Mr. Arevalo Padron has been slowly festering in Castro's inhumane dungeons since 1997 because he called Fidel Castro "a liar". Has ever a man been through so much for a single word of truth?

One of the key reasons why I bring the plight of Mr. Arevalo Padron to the attention of Congress is because there is no independent press in Cuba. None, Mr. Speaker.

Here in the United States we often say, "the truth will set you free"; in Castro's deplorable dictatorship the truth will set you in the gulag for six years. I implore my colleagues to stand for truth, democracy and decency and call with one voice for the instant release of Bernardo Arevalo Padron.

HONORING ROBERTA R. GOLDMAN

HON. JAMES P. McGOVERN

OF MASSACHUSETTS

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Mr. McGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor an outstanding individual, Roberta R. Goldman who will be receiving the Eleanor Roosevelt Humanitarian Award from the Shrewsbury Democratic Town Committee.

Mrs. Goldman has worked for years to improve her community in many different ways. In 1982, she joined the Shrewsbury Democratic Town Committee, which she has served on ever since, and currently serves as chairperson of the Eleanor Roosevelt Humanitarian Awards program and vice-chairperson of the town committee itself. In 1998 Mrs. Goldman was elected to the Massachusetts Democratic State Committee, of which she is now an elected representative from the Second Worcester Senatorial District and a member of the State Committee's Rules Committee. During Michael Dukakis' term as Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Mrs. Goldman was Director of Education Reform in the Office of Educational Affairs. Her efforts helped to create the Education Reform Act of 1985, an act that she helped to pass when she was a representative of the Eleventh Worcester District in the Massachusetts House of Representatives. As State Representative, she served on the committees on Education, Human Services and Elder Affairs.

Although Mrs. Goldman generally concentrates on helping Democratic candidates in Massachusetts, she has also ventured outside of the state frequently to campaign in New Hampshire as well as spending a summer in Texas, working for Ann Richards, who was running for Governor. Mrs. Goldman has also

worked in Wisconsin partaking in the Dukakis presidential campaign and has given much time to aid former President William Clinton in New Jersey.

In addition to Mrs. Goldman's many political endeavors, she is an enthusiastic teacher, working for the Shrewsbury school system since 1971. In 1987, Mrs. Goldman began working at Shrewsbury High School as a social studies teacher. In the early 1990's, Mrs. Goldman established the Political Action Group, a non-partisan organization at Shrewsbury High School, which has enhanced many students' interests in politics and current events.

Finally, her contributions to improving the lives of individuals with developmental disabilities are significant. She is in her sixth term as President of the FOR Special Friends, Inc.

Mr. Speaker, I know my colleagues join me in congratulating my friend, Roberta Goldman.

A TRIBUTE TO HUGH ERROL BOSTON

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Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise in honor of Hugh Errol Boston for his accomplishments in the business world for which he has received the Thomas R. Fortune Business Award.

Hugh was born to Mr. & Mrs. Samuel and Ruth Boston of Bush Lot, Essequibo, Guyana. Hugh, the fourth of seven children, immigrated to the United States of America in December 1974.

He attended the Anna Regina Primary School and then continued his education by attending Burnette High School. After graduation, Hugh Errol became a member of the Guyana Police Force, where he was employed for four years.

Throughout his years in America, Hugh worked in various enterprises including the construction industry. He also worked at Pfizer Pharmaceuticals as a Quality Control Inspector and a mailroom supervisor at Philip Holtzer and Associates. However, Hugh never lost sight of his goal to establish himself as an entrepreneur. He would eventually realize his goal, opening Boston Shipping Enterprises at 506 Decatur Street, Brooklyn, NY.

He is committed to giving back to the community and has followed his motto of "making a difference in anyone's life," to assist whenever possible. This is demonstrated by his numerous contributions to his community. He built a Church in honor of his mother at Bush Lot in Guyana where he sponsors a Vacation Bible School every summer, providing meals and organizing field trips. He also distributes toys to children at the community block party near his residence. Additionally, he offers part-time employment to youngsters who live within the vicinity of his business.

Hugh is married and is the proud father of four daughters.

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